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**DECLARATION UNDER TITLE 37  
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS §1.132**

The undersigned hereby declares:

I am employed by Gardner Denver, Inc.

I have a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

I am presently a Development Engineering Manager with the Fluid Transfer Division of Gardner Denver, Inc.

My duties and responsibilities as a Development Engineering Manager include the development and design of high pressure positive displacement pumps having one or more plungers and parts therefore.

I am a named inventor for the herein referenced application serial no. 10/798,651.

I have read and fully understand U.S. Patent No. 3,137,216 J.G. Aytes.

I have read and understand the final Office Action mailed May 21, 2008 for application serial no. 10/798,651.

If member 40 of Aytes, identified in the final Office Action as the cover, is rotated such as to loosen member 40, the cover 40 and the outer screw 44 of Aytes will slide off the inner screw 48 of Aytes. The inner screw will remain stationary, as it is threaded to packing energizer 35 of Aytes.

In Aytes when member 40 loosens, the outer screw 44 of Aytes rotates with 40. The inner screw 48 of Aytes will now turn. The inner screw 48 and outer screw 44 are only engaged when the outer screw 44 is tightened against thrust collar 50 of the inner screw 48. The outer screw 44 is completely free to loosen independently from the inner screw 48. The loosening of cover 40 has no effect on the inner screw 48.

Nothing in Aytes indicates that the threads of the cover 40 and the threads of the fastener 48 are spiraled in opposite directions.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: July 8, 2008

  
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